



# Free State Seniors Golf Association

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors

23 March 2023

The Free State Seniors Golf Association Board of Directors met on March 23, 2023, at Montgomery Country Club. President Mike Kurylo called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with board members Jim Foster, Bruce Cowan, Al DeLeon, Jim Horn, Ken Bacon, Bob Linkous, Greg Gruber, Wayne Rowland, and Mike Myrski present. Mike Kurylo thanked Wayne Rowland for hosting the meeting due to the unavailability of Rolling Road Country Club. A motion made by Bruce Cowan to approve the minutes, as amended, from the November 3, 2022 meeting, was seconded by Jim Foster and approved unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report – Al Deleon**

Al indicated that he will follow the format used by the previous Treasurer in the report.

Al reported that the Association has \$25,911 cash on hand, compared to \$23,188 at this time last year. The prepaid deposits for 2023 tournaments total \$5,200. Liabilities of \$1,690 consist of the credits due to 26 members from FY22 credited to FY23.

Al reported that PNC Bank has setup Zelle accounts for member payments, which will be optional.

After some discussion, it was agreed that Al would transfer \$10,000 from the checking account to the money market to earn more interest.

To address a question, Al reported that the costs for the Potomac Challenge are shared between Free State and Northern Virginia.

The Board acknowledged that the duties of the Executive Secretary on tournament days preclude him from his golf round preparation and post-round scoring typically leads to missed meals. A motion made by Mike Kurylo, as seconded by Bruce Cowan, was made to cover the greens fees and meal costs for the Executive Secretary, and approved unanimously.

A motion made by Bruce Cowan to approve the Treasurer's report was seconded by Wayne Rowland and approved unanimously.

### **Executive Secretary's Report – Jim Horn**

Jim provided the Committee Assignments and Directory for 2023. Jim also provided the revised Board meeting schedule, as Rolling Road may not be able to host in April as well. The April meeting is scheduled for Montgomery CC.

The June meeting will be held in conjunction with the Past Presidents meeting on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Membership is currently 160. At this time last year, the Association had 162 members .

Jim will provide two options for member fees, Zelle and check. To date, 30 members have opted to use Zelle for payment.

Jim reported that Queenstown requires a minimum food bill of \$2500, so he will add breakfast for that event (assuming 60 golfers).

In terms of merchandise, Jim added 12 vests and a few shirts.

### **Golf Committee**

The Board discussed the tournament format to be used to maximize participation. Using the results of the 2022 member survey, a motion was made by Mike Kurylo, seconded by Bruce Cowan, and unanimously approved by the Board to host 2-4 man, 4-2 man, and 1 individual event. The 4-man events will be scheduled as the first and last events and the individual event will be at Rolling Road.

To speed scoring at the event of each tournament, and to display the current leaderboard during the tournament, Al Deleon and Wayne Bowland led a discussion on the use of electronic scoring during the tournament, eg Golf Genius. It was agreed that this software will be tested at one event this year.

Jim Horn led a discussion on the criteria used for Super Senior and Legends players. For Super Senior, age (minimum 70 years) + USGA handicap must be 85 or greater. For Legends, age (minimum 75 years) + handicap must be 90 or greater.

### **Wally Engle Committee – Bob Linkous**

Bob suggested a revised format with hopes of increasing participation. Instead of a single elimination tournament, the new format will guarantee more matches in a pod system. Each team will play every other team in its pod, accumulating season-long points. The winner of the pods advance to the finals. For each team match, the format will be changed to eliminate the singles match and simplify to 4-ball (with handicap). Handicaps will have a 90% reduction traditional in 4-ball matches. Each match is worth 36 points (18 each home and away). The host team selects the single set of tees played for all four players, with a hard cap minimum of 5500 yards and a soft cap of 6100 yards based on the nearest yardage of the course for a set of tees o that distance. Play will begin in April.

### **Planning Committee – Jim Foster**

Jim reported on possible course venues for 2024, including higher end public courses. Bob Linkous agreed to check on the availability of Talbot CC. Mike Kurylo agreed to update the list of courses played by the Association. Ken Bacon questioned why we limit the number of events to monthly. The Board agreed to ask members in the next survey if they are willing to play more frequently. Jim requested that all Board members provide recommendations on potential courses to the Committee.

### **Nominating Committee – Mike Myirski**

Mike indicated that 3 Board members will be completing their second term this year and will need replacement: Bruce Cowan, Jim Foster, and Mike Kurylo. In addition, the first term for Bob Linkous ends and will be subject to a vote from the membership. There will be no Board Chairman in 2024.

### **Membership and Publicity Committee – Bruce Cowan**

Bruce reported on potential advertisement in The Baltimore Sun newspaper and website. Bruce provided costs for the Classified section of the traditional newspaper and ‘impressions for the website. A Free State article in the MSGA newsletter is also a possibility.

### **Distinguished Seniors Committee**

NTR

### **Audit Committee - Mike Myirski**

The audit is expected to commence in October.

**Web Master**

Ed Baur has agreed to serve in this capacity, but indicated we need to select a successor.

**New Business - NTR**

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A motion made by Mike Kurylo to adjourn the meeting, was seconded by Bruce Cowan, and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm.

The next Board meeting will be held April 20, 2023.